(a) whether the Centre of Research in Indo-Bangladesh Relations has revealed in a research paper that clandestine relationship exists among smugglers of both countries;

(b) whether it has been unearthed that 2500 cattle are being smuggled everyday into Bangladesh from India through long stretch of border from North Bengal to South Bengal and Border Security Force personnel, local panchayat members and police are involved in this nefarious activity; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to check this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Centre for Research in Indo-Bangladesh Relations has produced a report titled "Cattle Smuggling Across Indo-Bangladesh Borders". The said report alleges, *inter alia*, about cattle smuggling from India.

(b) and (c) It is not possible to furnish the precise figure on the number of cattle smuggled everyday to Bangladesh. India shares a long and porous border with Bangladesh. The Central Government have employed Customs authorities and Border Security Force to prevent smuggling of the cattle and goods. Individual cases of involvement of the Border Security Force personnel are reported from time to time. Disciplinary action is taken as per the BSF Act and Rules. In order to prevent smuggling, the Government have taken various measures which include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc.

Construction and Development of Roads by North Eastern Council in Assam

4004: SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of roads taken up for construction/development/repairing by North Eastern Council (NEC) in Assam during the last three years; and

(b) the details of roads and the amount sanctioned and released against each scheme in the State during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Seven new roads schemes were taken up for construction during the last three years.

(b) Details are as follows :—

Sl. No.	Name of Road	Length (Km.)	Sanctioned amount (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount released upto 31/7/2001 (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Baithalangsu-Kampur-Raha	48.00	3061.00	128.07
2.	Sonapur-Umden-Nongpoh	17.30	768.00	35.00
3.	Fatikroy-Kailasahar-Kukital	29.36	1628.00	0.00
4.	Naharkatia-Khonsa	24.00	1398.00	28.00
5.	Zamuang-Hripaw	47.00	2423.00	0.00
6.	Jotte-Balijan	11.00	668.00	0.00
7.	Margherita-Changlang	7.00	383.00	5.00

People killed by PWG

4005. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of innocent people and officials killed by the People's War Group (PWG) in the country for the last five years, State-wise;

(b) what steps Government have taken to contain this menace;

(c) whether Government have extended any financial help or sent extra armed forces to combat PWG in these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) As per available information, the number of civilians and officials killed by the People's War Group (PWG) in the country during the years 1996 to 2001 is as under :—

State	Civilians	Officials
Andhra Pradesh	408	286
Bihar	215	50
Madhya Pradesh	122	72
Maharashtra	39	20
Orissa	5	5